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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *A National Broadband Plan for Our Future*, GN Docket No. 09-51; *Establishing Just and Reasonable Rates for Local Exchange Carriers*, WC Docket No. 07-135; *Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime*, CC Docket No. 01-92; *Connect America Fund*, WC Docket No. 10-90; *High Cost Universal Service Support*, WC Docket No. 05-337; *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On September 29, 2011, I met with Carol Matthey, Amy Bender, Patrick Halley, Katie King, and Joseph Cavender, of the FCC's Wireline Competition Bureau to discuss the above-captioned proceedings.

I emphasized Frontier's support for the America's Broadband Connectivity Plan ("ABC Plan") and Joint Framework filed in these dockets. I also discussed Frontier's support for the ABC Plan's right-of-first refusal feature as the most efficient method for deploying broadband to rural America and outlined why we support the ABC Plan's targeted approach to providing service only to high-cost areas.

In addition, we discussed the time frame issues associated with adoption of the plan and the CenturyLink, Frontier, and Windstream prior proposal for an interim step that could be implemented in the context of a two-staged approach to reform.¹ Lastly, I urged the FCC to move forward with reform of USF to target support for broadband deployment.

¹ See Letter from Robert W. Quinn, Jr., AT&T; Steve Davis, CenturyLink; Michael T. Skrivan, FairPoint; Kathleen Q. Abernathy, Frontier; Kathleen Grillo, Verizon; and Michael D. Rhoda, Windstream; to Marlene H. Dortch, FCC, CC Docket Nos. 01-92, 99-200, 96-98, 99-68, 96-45; WC Docket Nos. 05-337, 07-135, 10-90, 03-109, 06-122, 04-36; GN Docket No. 09-51 (filed July 29, 2011); Letter from Jennie B. Chandra, Windstream Communications, Inc., to Marlene H. Dortch, FCC, WC Docket No. 10-90 et al. (filed June 30, 2011).

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any additional information.

Sincerely,

/s/


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